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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A tilted drum washing machine comprising:
a cabinet having an entrance at a front side for inputting/outputting laundry;
a door opening/closing the entrance;
a tub slantingly installed in the cabinet to hold water;
a drum in the tub to hold a detergent and the water;
a gasket between the door and the tub, the gasket bringing the door watertight to prevent the water from leaking outside;
a lip extending ~~inwardly in a radial direction~~ radially inward from an interior side of the gasket to prevent particles from being put in a space between the tub and the drum; and
a support member configured to prevent the lip from drooping to prevent an interruption between the lip and the drum.
2. (Previously Presented) The tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein the support member comprises a reinforcement rib formed on an inner circumference of the tub to support an inner lateral side of the lip.
3. (Previously Presented) The tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 2, wherein the reinforcement rib is plurally formed to leave a predetermined interval from each other.
4. (Previously Presented) The tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 2, wherein the reinforcement rib is formed to leave a predetermined distance from the inner lateral side of the lip.
5. (Previously Presented) The tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 2, wherein the reinforcement rib is formed integral with the tub.

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6. (Previously Presented) The tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein the support member comprises a protrusion formed on an inner lateral side of the lip to be contacted with the tub.
7. (Previously Presented) The tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 6, wherein the protrusion is formed at a tip of the lip.
8. (Previously Presented) The tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 6, wherein the protrusion is plurally formed to leave a predetermined interval from each other.
9. (Previously Presented) The tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 6, wherein the protrusion is formed to leave a predetermined distance from the tub.
10. (Previously Presented) The tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 6, wherein the protrusion is formed integral with the lip.
11. (Currently Amended) A gasket assembly of a tilted drum washing machine, comprising:
a gasket between a tub slantingly installed in a cabinet and a door installed at a front side of the cabinet, the gasket bringing the door watertight to prevent water from leaking outside;
a lip extending ~~inwardly in a radial direction~~ radially inward from an interior side of the gasket around an inner circumference of the gasket to prevent particles from being put in a space between the tub and the drum; and
a support member configured to prevent the lip from drooping to prevent an interruption between the lip and the drum.
12. (Previously Presented) The gasket assembly of the tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein the support member comprises a reinforcement rib formed on an inner circumference of the tub to support an inner lateral side of the lip.

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13. (Previously Presented) The gasket assembly of the tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein the support member comprises a protrusion formed on an inner lateral side of the lip to be contacted with the tub.

14. (Previously Presented) The gasket assembly of the tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 11, the gasket comprising:

- a first plane portion coupled to the cabinet;
- a second plane portion coupled to the tub; and
- a bending portion connecting the first plane portion to the second plane portion.

15. (Previously Presented) The gasket assembly of the tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 14, wherein the support member comprises a reinforcement rib formed on an inner circumference of the tub to support an inner lateral side of the lip.

16. (Previously Presented) The gasket assembly of the tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 14, wherein the support member comprises a protrusion formed on an inner lateral side of the lip to be contacted with the tub.

17. (Currently Amended) A tilted drum washing machine comprising:
a cabinet having an entrance at a front side for inputting/outputting laundry;
a door opening/closing the entrance;
a tub slantingly installed in the cabinet to hold water;
a drum in the tub to hold a detergent and the water;
a gasket between the door and the tub, the gasket bringing the door watertight to prevent the water from leaking outside;
a lip extending ~~inwardly in a radial direction~~ radially inward from an interior side of the gasket around an inner circumference of the gasket to prevent particles from being put in a space between the tub and the drum; and

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a support member configured to prevent the lip from drooping to prevent an interruption between the lip and the drum.

18. (Previously Presented) The gasket assembly of a tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein the lip is uniformly shaped along the entire inner circumference of the gasket.

19. (Previously Presented) The tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein the lip is formed along the entire inner circumference of the gasket.

20. (Previously Presented) The tilted drum washing machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein the lip is uniformly shaped along the entire inner circumference of the gasket.